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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/690,519	OZAKI ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
TISHA D. LEWIS	3681	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/791,750.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The following is a first action on the merits of application serial no. 10/690,519 filed on October 23, 2003.

Preliminary Amendment

The preliminary amendment filed with this application has been entered.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 10/791,750, filed on February 26, 2001.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on October 23, 2003 has been acknowledged.

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the phraseology from claim language is being used such as "comprising" and "means". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawing corrections for figures 5, 9-11 and 20 filed in the parent application (10/791,750) on October 3, 2002 are not disclosed in this application for the same figures. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

Replacement Drawing Sheets

Drawing changes must be made by presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. An explanation of the changes made must be presented either in the drawing amendments, or remarks, section of the amendment. Any replacement drawing sheet must be identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" (37 CFR 1.121(d)) and include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even though only one figure may be amended. The figure or figure number of the amended drawing(s) must not be labeled as "amended." If the changes to the drawing figure(s) are not accepted by the examiner, applicant will be notified of any required corrective action in the next Office action. No further drawing submission will be required, unless applicant is notified.

Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin.

Annotated Drawing Sheets

A marked-up copy of any amended drawing figure, including annotations indicating the changes made, may be submitted or required by the examiner. The annotated drawing sheets must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" and accompany the replacement sheets.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the time period set in the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings MUST be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for reply in the "Notice of Allowability." Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities:

-in line 11, "till" should be changed to "until". Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for:

-(As to claim 1) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein after a gear shift start request, a gear shift time is controlled to be shorter with an accelerator pedal stroke increase of depression than when the stroke depression is fixed in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 1.

-(As to claim 2) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein at a time of a gear shift start request, a gear shift time is controlled via an input shaft

revolution speed of the transmission in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 2.

-(As to claim 3) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein after a gear shift start request, an accelerator pedal depress stroke is changed in which a gear shifting time is set according the accelerator pedal and input shaft speed in combination with all the limitations of claim 3.

-(As to claim 4) a controller for an automatic transmission wherein a gear shifting time is set according to an accelerator pedal depress stroke change and input shaft revolution speed in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 4.

-(As to claim 5) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein a friction clutch is controlled by a difference between an input shaft revolution speed and a trajectory of a target input shaft revolution speed in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 5.

-(As to claim 6) a controller for an automatic transmission wherein a feedforward command value for a friction clutch is based on an input shaft revolution speed and a feedback command value for the friction clutch is based on a difference value between a trajectory of a target input shaft speed and the input shaft speed in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 6.

-(As to claim 7) a method for controlling an automatic transmission wherein after engagement of an input clutch is started, engagement of a friction clutch is prevented until engagement of the input clutch is completed in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 7.

-(As to claim 8) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein a gear shifting operation to a new gear shift command after gear shifting from another ratio is started (responsive to a gear shift command) is issued before the gear shifting operation to the another ratio is completed in combination with all the remaining limitation of claim 8.

-(As to claim 9) a method of controlling an automatic transmission wherein a gear shifting operation from another gear ratio to a gear ratio according to a new gear shift command is done after a gear shifting operation to the gear ratio is started in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Ibamoto et al ('103), Sakamoto et al ('397) and Kayano et al ('286).

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Correction of abstract, claim 7 and drawings.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 703-305-0921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 8 AM TO 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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